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The Department of Labor and Industry, established by Chapter 211, Acts of 1884, as the Bureau of Statistics and Information, is one of the oldest governmental agencies in this field in the United States, antedating the U. S. Department of Labor by one year. After 1892, the Department was known as the Industrial Bureau. A reorganization in 1916 renamed it the State Board of Labor and Statistics, and concentrated in it powers to enforce all the factory acts. The General Assembly made further changes by Chapter 747, Acts of 1939, and created the present Department by Chapter 938, Acts of 1945.

Under the direction of a Commissioner appointed by the Governor for a four-year term, the Department enforces laws and regulations affecting workers and employers and promotes harmony between industry and labor through mediation and arbitration of labor disputes and the holding of consent elections. In addition to offering the services of Apprenticeship and Training, the Department is responsible for the enforcement of the following laws: Occupational Safety, Minimum Wage, Wage Payment and Collection, Equal Pay for Equal Work, Child Labor, Hours of Labor for Females, Work—Hours of in Factories, Factory Inspection and Industrial Registration, and Boiler Inspection, High Voltage Line Act, Age Discrimination in Employment, Prevailing Wages on Public Contracts, Licensing of Workshops, Licensing of Homeworkers, and the Licensing and Regulation of Private, Fee Charging Employment Agencies (Code, 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, secs. 324-333; 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 89, secs. 1-13, 25-63; 1964 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 100, secs. 1-55, 55A-55H, 78-94).

Apprenticeship and Training Council

Chairman: Sydney C. Blumenthal, Jr., 1973

Ex officio member: Henry Miller, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry.

Appointed employee organization members: Bernard A. Carpenter, 1972; Harold K. Ritter, 1973.

Appointed employer members: Hyman Weiss, 1971; Theodore N. Clark, 1972.

The Apprenticeship and Training Council, created by Chapter 671, Acts of 1966, consists of seven members, six of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The seventh member is the Commissioner of Labor and Industry who serves ex officio and who votes only in case of a tie vote. Of the six appointive members, three are representatives of employee organizations, and three are representatives of employers. The Council encourages the development of an apprenticeship and training system through the voluntary cooperation of management and labor and interested State agencies and in cooperation with other States and the Federal government, formulates policies for the overall apprenticeship program, formulates and adopts standards of apprenticeship which safeguard the welfare of apprentices, registers apprentices under approved apprenticeship agreements and issues certificates of completion to apprentices who are registered with the Council and